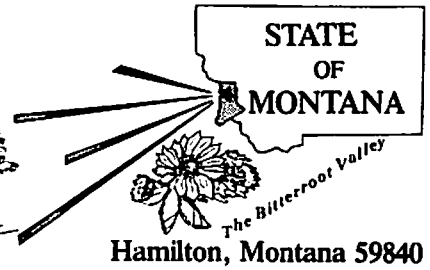
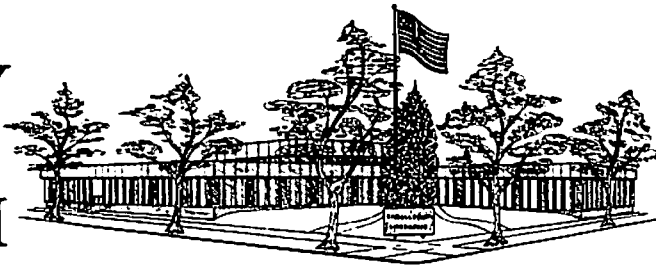


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RE: Change in Highway 93 Speed Limits/Proposed Speed Changes

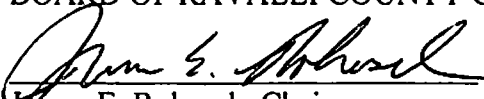
Dear Mr. Frazier;

In regard to your August 6, 2007, letter addressing the speed limits on Highway 93, please allow this letter to serve as our comment.

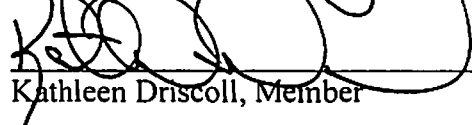
- We agree with the speed limit of 70 mph on the four lane segments of the highway
- We disagree with the change of speed limits on any two lane segments of the highway. There are numerous accidents and the history of the road shows that it is not safe. We request the speed limit be left at 65 mph on all two lane sections (unless there are special speed zones set by the Transportation Commission such as the Stevensville Wye) until improvements are made in order to justify the increased speeds.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in this important issue. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us at the above number.

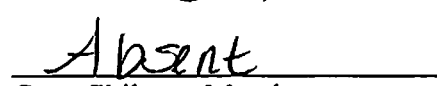
Sincerely,
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